

EAST-WEST CENTER

Proposed Appropriation Language

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To enable the Secretary of State to provide for carrying out the provisions of the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West Act of 1960, by grant to the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West in the State of Hawaii, [\$21,000,000] *\$11,730,000: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated herein shall be used to pay any salary, or enter into any contract providing for the payment thereof, in excess of the rate authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5376. (Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009.)*

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Resource Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Request	Increase / Decrease
Funds	19,342	21,000	11,730	(9,270)

FY 2008 Actual reflects the rescission of 0.81% provided by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110-161, Division J).

Overview

Congress established the East-West Center (EWC) as a national educational and research organization to promote U.S.-Asia Pacific understanding and relations through cooperative study, training, and research. The Center's programs, which are multinational and interactive, bring Americans and their counterparts from the region for policy-oriented study, research, and exchange on critical issues of mutual importance, including regional security, terrorism, good governance, economic development, family and social issues, health, education, disaster preparedness, environmental protection, and resource needs. The Center gives special attention to "communicators" who shape public and governmental views in their respective countries—politicians and policymakers, journalists, educators, and younger leaders. In the post-September 11 era, the Center has placed new emphasis on the issues of homeland security, internal conflict in Asia, terrorism, educational policy, and outreach to Muslim populations.

The Center works to prepare Americans for an era of deeper engagement with the Asia Pacific region through the development of Asian studies in over 500 U.S. colleges, including community colleges and minority serving institutions. The Center's professional alumni network (including government officials, business persons, and educators) extends its outreach through approximately 50 alumni chapters in the region. Under its current plan, the Center continues to develop competitive, self-funded, private sector oriented activities consistent with its public mission.

Program Description

Research Program

EWC research activities are multinational and collaborative in nature, involving experts and institutions from the U.S. and throughout the Asia Pacific region. The Center recognizes that the most urgent regional problems are also global challenges and seeks to address U.S.-Asia Pacific partnerships in a global context. The Research Program is organized into four broad study areas: politics, governance and security; economics; environmental change, vulnerability and governance; and population and health. Themes explored by resident and visiting fellows change depending on research and policy needs.

EWC in Washington

The EWC in Washington, DC supports the Center's overall mission through direct work with U.S. policymakers and opinion leaders in the nation's capital. It facilitates an understanding of the U.S. policy process by Asia Pacific participants through direct interaction with U.S.

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policymakers. Research and seminar activities address U.S. national interests by focusing on internal conflict and conflict resolution in East, Southeast, and South Asia, areas where internal conflict can spill over into international terrorism. The Asia Matters to America project collects data on Asia's impact on the U.S. state-by-state and Congressional district-by-Congressional district to strengthen U.S. understanding of the importance of U.S.-Asian economic interaction. The U.S. Asia Pacific Council promotes active U.S. participation in the leading academic and business networks in the Asia Pacific region and provides a key support base for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) processes.

Pacific Islands Development Program

The Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) is a unique partnership between the EWC and the Pacific Island governments, organized to provide policy analysis and research information to the Pacific Island Leaders in their collective efforts to achieve the desired development goals. The heads of state/government play a direct role in shaping the PIDP agenda through annual meetings on the EWC campus. In 2007, PIDP brought the island leaders to Washington, DC and held meetings with both the Executive and Legislative branches of the U.S. government. Long involved in political reconciliation processes in the South Pacific, in 2009, the Center put together an election monitoring team for the Department of State in a North Pacific country, the Federated States of Micronesia.

Education

The Center offers educational opportunities for future leaders in the Asia Pacific region and the U.S. in an era of increased social, economic, and technological interdependence. Graduate degree scholarships and certificate programs prepare students and professionals to address the challenges and complexities of the world's most dynamic region. Undergraduate degree scholarships build and strengthen the base of future leaders in East Timor and the South Pacific. In FY 2007, 490 students from multiple countries across the Asia Pacific region and U.S., as well as Canada, Latin America, Central Asia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East, took part in EWC education programs.

Seminars

Seminar programs provide short-term educational experiences for policymakers, professionals and scholars from Asia, the Pacific and the U.S. seeking greater understanding of the issues and challenges facing the region. The EWC provides a neutral meeting place where professionals, specialists, and emerging leaders discuss regional issues and build relationships with their counterparts. By facilitating peer-to-peer engagement in a collegial setting, the Center is a catalyst for regional cooperation.

External Affairs

The External Affairs Office is broadly responsible for the Center's outreach effort. The Center has a vigorous national and regional outreach program to support its effort to become one of the leading catalysts for Asia Pacific community building. Activities include organizing public programs on freedom of the press and the importance of responsible media in the development of democracies; government, legislative and diplomatic relations; official visitor programming and briefings; arts programming; and an alumni office. The approximately 50 alumni chapters, with 55,000 alumni, have programs throughout the year, and international alumni conferences occur every two years.

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Program Direction, Administration and Overall Mission Support

Under this heading are grouped the activities and functions of the Board of Governors; the International Advisory Panel, which provides external guidance and evaluation of Center programs; the Office of the President, which provides the overall planning, coordination, and direction of the Center's programs, including fund-raising; and the Office of Administration, which provides personnel, fiscal, budget, computer systems, and facilities management services for the Center.

Justification of Request

The FY 2010 President's budget request is \$11,730,000. The request represents a decrease of \$9,270,000 from the FY 2009 appropriation of \$21,000,000.

Funds by Program Activity

(\$ in thousands)

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Public Diplomacy	19,342	21,000	11,730	(9,270)
Total	19,342	21,000	11,730	(9,270)

Funds by Object Class

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4100 Grants, Subsidies & Contrb	19,342	21,000	11,730	(9,270)
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